

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 12, 2012

Agenda Item: 2013 Proposed Moose, Sheep, Goat, Mule Deer and Elk Auction/Lottery License Rules

Division: Finance-Licensing

Action Needed: Approval of Tentative Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 Minutes

Background

The FWP Commission must decide on the criteria and process for selecting conservation organizations to conduct the various big game hunting license auctions/lotteries each year, and then solicit proposals to do so. State law provides for an auction process to distribute the moose, sheep and goat licenses and an auction/lottery option to distribute the mule deer and elk licenses. To date, organizations have all opted for the auction process to “sell” these licenses for conservation purposes.

Legislation requires that at least 90 percent of the license auction proceeds be returned to FWP, and the organization may retain up to 10 percent of the proceeds of the sales to cover reasonable auction expenses. Organizations that opt to retain up to 10 percent of the proceeds will be required to document their expenses associated with the auction of the license. The rules to conduct the auction/lottery have remained relatively unchanged since their inception and typically little public comment is received. The 2013 annual auction/lottery rules reflect a change to the retention of up to 10 percent to cover reasonable auction expenses.

Public Involvement Process & Results

While auction/lottery rules typically generate little, if any, public comment, in the past some said the auction process commercializes wildlife resources.

Alternatives and Analysis

By changing this Annual Rule to an ARM, FWP could solicit interested organizations on their own while the commission still retains authority to choose which organization gets which license. In 2004, the commission decided to not move forward with the auction/lottery license ARM due to the newness of some of the licenses. The sheep auction has been in place since 1986, the moose auction since 1988, the deer and elk auctions since 2004, and the goat auction since 2006—all providing a history of very little public comment on the process. The ARM process remains an intended alternative.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the commission adopt as tentative the annual rules for the 2013 moose, sheep and goat auction licenses and the mule deer and elk auction/lottery licenses.

Proposed Motion

I move that the commission adopt the tentative 2013 auction/lottery rules for the moose, sheep, goat, mule deer and elk licenses as proposed by FWP and that the commission direct FWP to pursue an ARM process for this rule.